

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-4 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 2 and 5-7. No new matter has been added.

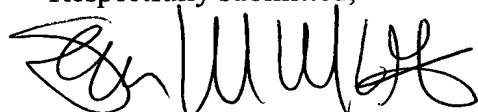
With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/948,588, Applicant hereby incorporates the claims of priority from Japanese Applications No. 2000-274338 filed on September 11, 2000, and 2001-112666 filed on April 11, 2001, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd. at Reel 012164, and Frame 0752.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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